



Parent News

Supporting Student Success

The Stars Shine Brightly for DCPS Teachers

DCPS teachers are our city's true stars. On November 1, 2010, [the city of Washington came together at the Kennedy Center](#) to salute the men and women of DC Public Schools who earned the honor of being rated Highly Effective in teacher evaluations. The event was sponsored by the DC Public Education Fund.

The program featured Jim Vance as host, US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Mayor Adrian Fenty, Mayor-Elect Vincent Gray, Thomas Friedman, David Gregory, Darrell Green, and Second Lady Jill Biden, with performances by Chrisette Michele and Dave Grohl. [Continue Reading>>](#)



Standing Ovation at the Kennedy Center

Changing girls' lives one 'Minute' at a time

Seventy-five girls who attend DC Public Schools rubbed elbows with some of the most powerful women in America, received iPads and got a visit from **President Barack Obama** during a "Minute Mentoring" event sponsored by **Fortune Magazine** and held Oct. 5 at the Mandarin Oriental.

Hosted by celebrity supermodel and reality TV host **Tyra Banks**, the event connected female high school seniors with 25 high-powered women from the worlds of sports, business, philanthropy and politics, who shared their life and career experiences during "Minute Mentoring" sessions. [Continue Reading>>](#)



Student from Fortune Magazine "Minute Mentoring" event.

Meet your Special Education Coordinator

If you believe that your child **may be eligible to receive special education**, the point of contact for all special education matters at any DCPS school is the schools' **special education coordinator (SEC)**.

The SEC at your child's school:

- **Identifies** children who may have a disability;
- **Organizes** all **meetings** related to special education; and
- Helps create the unique **educational plan** for your special education student.

If you think your child might have an educational disability, contact the SEC at [your child's school](#) today.



Early Stages center



*Student from Brent Elementary School
Photo by Bel Perez-Gabilondo*

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Lost? Having trouble navigating the system? The Critical Response Team is here to help you.

The Critical Response Team (CRT) helps parents and students navigate the many resources DCPS has available, and reports directly to the chancellor with your feedback. You may reach the Critical Response Team at **202.478.5738**. The phone line is staffed every weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Before you call, be sure to check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on our website.